

WATERFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

C/O Waterford Public Safety Building, 204 Boston Post Road, Waterford, CT 06385

TO: MOORING & PULLEY POLE PERMITTEES

RE: 2026 MOORING AND PULLEY POLE RENEWALS

Your 2026 Mooring or Pulley Pole permit renewal application is enclosed. If you are due for inspection, we have also provided an inspection form. Please complete and sign all forms and deliver or mail all required application documents to the following address:

WATERFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

C/O Waterford Public Safety Building

204 Boston Post Road

Waterford, CT 06385

Please include your payment in full with all required documents, including a copy of your most recent inspection report. Upon receipt, the Harbor Master will review your application. Once the Harbor Master approves your application your 2025 sticker(s) will be mailed to you with an instruction sheet. Please note that our approval process could take up to two weeks and we appreciate your patience. If any documents are incomplete or missing, you will be notified via phone or email and the approval of your application will be delayed until a complete application is received.

Note: ALL PULLEY POLES MUST HAVE AN ANNUAL INSPECTION

Boat Registrations and “Certificate of Decal”

Connecticut law requires that all boats with motors, regardless of size, and sailboats powered by sail alone, 19 1/2 feet or longer in length, be registered and numbered before launching. If you purchase a boat that is currently registered, you are responsible for seeing that it is registered in your name.

All vessels must be registered with the [Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles](#) (DMV). Evidence of ownership must be submitted at the time of registration. Upon receipt of the application and fee, an identification number will be assigned and a certificate of number/registration will be issued along with two validation decals. The registration will be valid until April 30 of the following year. Connecticut vessel numbers stay with the boat as long as it is registered in the state.

Normally you will receive a registration renewal from DMV early in the calendar year. If you do not register the boat for a year, you will not receive another renewal notice and you must go to a DMV office to renew your registration.

Registration to Be On Board

A Connecticut “Certificate of Number/Registration or “Certificate of Decal”/Registration must be on board the vessel whenever the owner or any person authorized by the owner is aboard. The exception would be for rented boats that the operator will carry a rental agreement in lieu of a certificate of decal.

Please contact us via email at harbormanagement@waterfordct.org or you may leave a voice mail on the office line at (860) 440-0548. Note that the Harbor office is not manned daily.

If you would like to reach the Harbor Master, David Crocker, directly please email him at crockerd64@gmail.com.

Please reference the checklist below BEFORE you submit your application:

- 1. Enclose your completed Mooring or Pulley Pole Application**
- 2. Enclose the signed “Acknowledgement Page”**
- 3. Enclose your CURRENT Connecticut boat registration**
- 4. Inspection Document if required for the current year**
- 5. Enclose your check for the appropriate amount
(Renewal, \$100.00, New, \$125.00)**

WATERFORD MOORING & PULLEY POLE PERMITS

- ❖ 2025 permits expired on December 31st and applications are now being processed for calendar year 2026.
- ❖ A permit holder shall have priority rights to the same mooring, if renewed by April 30th of each calendar year.
- ❖ All moorings and pulley poles are issued a 4 digit number.
- ❖ You **MUST** contact the Harbor Master for approval prior to contracting for installation of new moorings/pulley poles.
- ❖ The Harbor Management Commission will no longer accept applications for “Guest Moorings”.
- ❖ For your convenience, permit application forms are enclosed. Please be certain to provide current and accurate information, along with your e-mail address and phone number. Complete **REQUIRED INFORMATION** and include a copy of your current inspection and your current vessel registration for the current year.
 - NEW mooring or pulley pole application fee: \$ 125.00
 - RENEWAL mooring or pulley pole applications: \$ 100.00
(Renewing a 2025 mooring or pulley pole permit)
- ❖ Please complete the application forms and return ALL required pages, along with your check, by May 31, 2026 to:
Waterford Harbor Management Commission
Waterford Public Safety Building
204 Boston Post Road
Waterford, CT 06385
- ❖ It is the responsibility of each vessel owner to have his/her mooring inspected by a qualified, approved inspector at least once every three years. **The renewal will not be approved without a current signed inspection on file.**
- ❖ **If you have not had your mooring inspected within the past three years**, please contact an approved, qualified mooring inspector from the list attached.
- ❖ **If you have a pulley pole it MUST be inspected every year**, please contact an approved, qualified mooring inspector, from the list below. If you would prefer to use another inspector that is not listed, you must obtain permission from the Harbor Master, David Crocker. ***Only vessels up to 16' may use pulley poles.**
- ❖ **If you wish to use a qualified inspector NOT on the list on the attached list**, you must first contact the Waterford Harbor Master, David Crocker for his approval at his email address: crockerd64@gmail.com
- ❖ After approval of your 2026 permit application, your 2026 decals will be mailed to you. The decal #2 must be affixed to your mooring ball approximately 2 inches to the right of your permit number; the #1 decal must be affixed to your vessel.
- ❖ All inspectors must use the current years' inspection forms issued by the Waterford Harbor Management Commission only and have prior authorization from the Waterford Harbor Master, David Crocker before installation.
- ❖ If you have any questions please contact the Waterford Harbor Master, David Crocker via email at crockerd64@gmail.com.

Mooring and Pulley Pole Checklist

- 6. Enclose your completed Mooring or Pulley Pole Application**
 - 7. Enclose the signed “Acknowledgement Page”**
 - 8. Enclose your CURRENT (2026) Connecticut boat registration**
 - 9. Inspection Document if required for the current year**
 - 10. Enclose your check for the appropriate amount (Renewal, \$100.00, New, \$125.00)**
- No Stickers will be issued without these required documents**

TOWN OF WATERFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL, NON-COMMERCIAL **MOORING SPACE** AND PERMIT
TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO:

**Waterford Harbor Management Commission, Waterford Public Safety Building
204 Boston Post Road, Waterford, CT 06385**

Applicant's Name: _____

Residential Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone #: Home _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Request for permission to place a **2026** seasonal mooring in the _____

This request is for a: (circle one) **New Permit** **Permit Renewal** **Mooring Relocation**

***If applicable, renewal applicant's prior year 4 digit mooring number assigned** _____

The mooring is to be located at the following coordinates: **N41°** _____ **W72°** _____

***Please list coordinates in proper format (IE) N41-12.345 W72-67.891**

Vessel Owner's Name & Address (if different) _____

Telephone #: Home _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Name of Vessel: _____ CT Reg. Or Documentation # _____

Make of Vessel: _____ Type (cruiser, sail, etc.): _____

Length: _____ Beam: _____ Draft: _____ Displacement, lbs.: _____

Mooring Description: Anchor Type: _____ Weight: _____

Bottom Chain: _____ and _____; Upper Chain: _____ and _____; Pendant _____ and _____
(Length) (Size) (Length) (Size) (Length) (Size)

Water depth at high tide: _____ Year installed (if applicable): _____ Year last inspected: _____

Dinghy Location or Access: _____

Mooring permits expire on December 31st of each calendar year and are not transferable to other parties. A permit holder shall have priority rights to the same mooring each year if renewed by April 30th of the following year. I understand that my vessel must be properly registered in Connecticut or be documented with a Connecticut Certificate of Decal in order to obtain a mooring space.

Signature of Mooring Owner

Do not write in this space – for Harbormaster's use only

Ground Tackle Inspected: _____

Permit Number Assigned: _____ Approved _____ Date: _____
(Harbormaster)

Note: It is recommended that all chains, shackles, swivels and other appropriate hardware associated with moorings be galvanized. Moorings should have adequate ground tackle, pendant(s), chafing gear and scope for the area and conditions expected. A vessel riding on its mooring must not infringe on other moorings. Moorings, by action of wind or current, shall not encroach upon navigation channels maintained by the Corps of Engineers, or interfere with established fairways, wharfs, docks, or floats. Mooring buoys shall be white with a clearly visible horizontal reflective blue band around the circumference of the buoy centered midway between the top of the buoy and the waterline. The weight of the anchor and name of the vessel should be indicated on the buoy. Moored vessels shall comply with Inland Navigation Rule 30 (Lights for anchored vessels). Mooring and anchoring is prohibited over submarine cable areas.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (page 2)
PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS FORM
ALONG WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM AND FEE

Calendar Year 2026

To All Mooring & Pulley Pole Permit Holders:

The final step in the mooring permit process is to issue decals which must be affixed to mooring buoys or pulley poles. The color of the decals will change each year and will be marked with the year and your 4 digit permit number. Upon approval of your 2026 mooring permit application, your 2026 decals will be mailed to you. The decal that begins with #1 must be affixed to your vessel and the other decal that begins with #2 should be affixed to your mooring or pulley pole.

By signing this form, you are acknowledging the following:

- Your buoy is white with a clearly visible horizontal blue reflective band around the circumference of the buoy, centered midway between the top of the buoy and the waterline.
- Winter Mooring Sticks **MUST** be removed by May 31st and replaced by your original buoy.
- Your mooring or pulley pole permit number is identified on your mooring buoy in numbers at least 3" in height.
- You will affix your decal to your mooring buoy or pulley pole in a clearly visible spot, approximately 2" to the right of your 4 digit permit number.
- If you are **NOT** renewing your mooring or pulley pole permit, you are responsible for removing your ground tackle and notifying the Waterford Harbor Management Commission.
- If your ground tackle becomes "lost", you are responsible for hiring a certified diver to search for the lost equipment and provide a signed statement to the Harbor Master attesting to the details of the search. You will **not** receive a new mooring or pulley pole permit until such search is performed and signed statement is received.
- **Moorings or pulley poles that are not in compliance with this permit are subject to removal by the Harbor Master, at the owner's expense.** Gear that is removed by the Harbor Master will be retained for 6 months. The gear will be disposed of if the owner does not contact the Harbor Master or the Harbor Management Commission within the 6 month timeframe.

If you have any questions, please contact the Harbor Master, David Crocker at (860) 442-5994 or by email at crockerd64gmail.com.

Acknowledged by (your signature): _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

MOORING / PULLEY POLE INSPECTIONS

Moorings shall be inspected by a qualified, approved inspector at least **once every three years**. Pulley Poles must be inspected **every year**. A copy of the inspection **MUST** be sent with your mooring/pulley pole application in order to be approved.

Several local, approved inspectors are listed below for your convenience. If you wish to use a qualified inspector not on the list below, please contact the Waterford Harbor Master, David Crocker, via email at crockerd64@gmail.com

APPROVED MOORING/PULLEY POLE INSPECTORS

Contact inspectors **directly** to discuss services, scheduling, and fees.

Inspector

Contact

Jeanette T. Fisheries

Mike Theiler

860-235-5117

Kane Underwater Services LLC

Chris Kane

860-912-7221

Seaport Construction LLC

Chris Drake

860-460-3185

860-536-5095

Shoreline Diving

Rich Simon

860-916-8430

Three Belles Marina

Krystle Arbour

860-739-6264

EXCERPT FROM THE WATERFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN

APPENDIX B

Minimum Mooring Tackle Specifications

Utilization of proper mooring tackle is necessary to secure vessels adequately at their moorings. Storms, wind, waves, tides, currents and wash must be considered when selecting appropriate mooring tackle. Each person mooring a vessel in the Waterford Harbor Management Area is responsible for any damage to their own vessel or to any other vessel or property that may be caused by their vessel. The Harbor Management Commission recommends minimum standards for tackle to secure vessels adequately in the Harbor Management Area, but these standards are advisory only, and the Town of Waterford assumes no liability for personal injury or property damage which may result from the utilization of any mooring tackle which meet or exceed these recommendations.

The Harbor Management Commission will periodically review and update the recommended minimum standards for mooring tackle. These recommended minimum standards will be provided to each person applying for a mooring permit. It must be remembered, however, that no standards can ensure adequate vessel security under all conditions, particularly severe coastal storm conditions with associated wind and wave hazards.

Minimum Recommended Standards for All Moorings

1. Mooring tackle should meet the following minimum standards:

Boat Length (Feet)	Mushroom Anchor (pounds)	Top Chain (Inches)	Bottom Chain (Inches)	Nylon or Dacron Line (Inches)
Under 16	75	3/8	5/16	1/2
16-19	150	3/8	5/16	1/2
20-22	200	1/2	5/16	5/8
23-25	250	1/2	5/16	5/8
26-30	300	5/8	3/8	3/4
31-35	400	5/8	3/8	3/4
36-40	500	3/4	1/2	7/8
41-50	600	3/4	1/2	1
51-65	750	1	1/2	1-1/4

1. Only "purpose built" (manufactured for the express purpose of mooring a vessel) anchors should be used on permanent moorings.
2. The maximum length of the pennant should be two and one-half (2-1/2) times the distance from the bow chock to the water plus the distance from the bow chock to the mooring cleat or post.
3. All pennant lines running through a chock or any other object where chafing may occur should have adequate chafe guards.
4. The total scope of the chain should be no less than two and one-half (2-1/2) times the depth of the water at high tide at the location of the mooring unless the Harbor Master approves a lesser length based on a finding that special physical conditions exist which make such length unnecessary. The bottom and top chains should each consist of approximately fifty percent (50%) of the scope.
5. All shackles, swivels and other hardware used in the mooring hook-up should be proportional in size to the chain used.
6. All shackles should be properly sized.
7. It is recommended that the pennant be spliced or shackled into the bitter end of the top chain below the permanent buoy so the strain is not carried by the buoy. A second pennant and anchor meeting the minimum specifications should be used in heavy weather.
8. The pick-up or permanent buoy should be of a type and size to be determined by the Harbor Management Commission and should be marked in accordance with standards provided by the Harbor Master.
9. It is recommended all chains, shackles, swivels and other appropriate hardware be American made galvanized steel.

Waterford Harbor Management Commission

To: Mooring and Pulley Pole Permittees

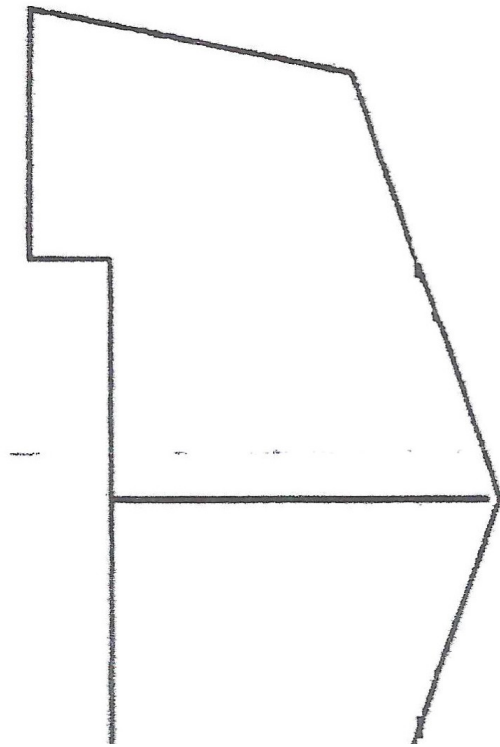
From: David Crocker, Harbor Master

Re: Approved Mooring and Pulley Pole Permits and Stickers

Congratulations, your 2026 Mooring or Pulley Pole permit has been approved. Your 2026 sticker(s) along with sticker placement instructions are enclosed. Please affix **mooring stickers as depicted on the instruction sheet with the “100” stickers on your boat and the “200” stickers on your mooring. Please place **pulley pole stickers** with the “100” stickers on your boat and “200” stickers on the waterward pole.**

**If you have any questions, please contact me at crockerd64@gmail.com.
Have a safe and enjoyable boating season.**

David Crocker
Waterford Harbor Master



Please put the sticker with the lower number on the transom upper port side (left). Opposite side from the hull identification number.



The second sticker with the higher number is for the buoy. This sticker should go anywhere above the blue band on the